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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST CHIEF WARNS AGAINST HASTY REJECTION OF TURKISH
PROPOSALS

1. EZEKIAS PAPAIOANNOU, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
COMMUNIST (AKEL) PARTY OF CYPRUS, SPOKE OUT MARCH 18
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AGAINST ANY HURRIED REJECTION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR
A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. THE OCCASION WAS A PRESS CONFERENCE
IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING (MAY 25-28) QUADRENNIAL
AKEL PARTY CONGRESS. PAPAIOANNOU SAID TURKISH
PROPOSALS SHOULD BE EXAMINED CALMLY AND OBJECTIVELY
AND, ON THE STRENGTH OF THEIR CONTENT, A DECISION
SHOULD BE MADE WHETHER THEY OFFERED POSSIBILITY

OF A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE FOR A PEACEFUL AND
DEMOCRATIC SETTLEMENT. HE ALSO URGED A MORE POSITIVE
EFFORT TO GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH PAPAIONNOU'S STATEMENT
STOPPED WELL SHORT OF PREDICTING THAT TURKISH
PROPOSALS WILL CONSTITUTE BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF
TALKS, IT WAS MOST POSITIVE APPROACH TAKEN SO
FAR BY ANY LEADER OF THREE COOPERATING PARTIES IN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. PAPAIOANNOU'S POSITION IS
SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH THAT OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU,
WHO EXPRESSES GREAT SKEPTICISM THAT TURKISH PROPOSALS
WILL PERMIT RESUMPTION OF TALKS. END COMMENT.
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